

# **Will Cuppy papers S1896**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Thole, Marie C.
<b>Title</b>	Will Cuppy papers
<b>Date</b>	1929/09/14
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1896

### Preferred Citation

Will Cuppy papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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William Jacob Cuppy was born Aug. 23, 1884 to Thomas Jefferson and Mary Frances Stahl Cuppy in Auburn, Indiana. He was the second of three children, including Anna B. and Jack Ralston Cuppy. His family background included French Huguenot and Pennsylvania Dutch influences, as well as pioneers in Whitley County, Indiana. He was graduated from the University of Chicago in 1907, with a Ph. B. and with an M.A. in English in 1914. He served in World War I as a 2nd Lieutenant. He wrote many articles and several books of humor as well as a weekly book review column entitled "Mystery and adventure", for over 4,000 titles. He lived as a recluse in New York City, New York for most of his life.

He died Sept. 19, 1949 and his cremated remains are buried next to his mother in Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana. His tombstone reads "American Humorist".

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes an autographed, signed response on a letter Will Cuppy received from the Indiana State Library ranging from 1929/09/14 regarding the existence of copies of his book "Maroon Tales."

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## Arrangement

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This collection contains one item.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records transfer from the Indiana Division.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/09/16 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/09/16 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana State Library.

**Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

**Geographic Name(s)**

- New York City (N.Y.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Cuppy, Will, 1884-1949

**Subject(s)**

- Booksellers and bookselling